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**Remarks**

By the preceding amendments, claim 28, upon which claim 29 and claim 30 continue to depend, has been amended to call for novel features, which were disclosed in this application, as filed, and which have been found to be particularly advantageous. Those features are that, on each side of the reinforcing bean, each building element has a flat top surface, above which a portion of each coupling formation of said building element projects upwardly.

Advantageously, because a portion of each coupling formation of each building element projects upwardly above the flat top surface of said building element, the upwardly projecting portion blocks precipitation (rain or snow) from infiltrating and dripping through the coupling formations.

The applicant submits that those features are not disclosed or suggested by any of the cited references including Head *et al.*, Auer, and De Zen, wherefore claim 28, as amended, claim 29, and claim 30 should be now allowable.

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